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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF
BATHE et al.

Appln. No.: 09/824,551

Filed: August 1, 2001

Title: NOVEL NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES WHICH CODE THE luxS GENE



Confirmation No.: 9440

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: K. KERR

September 20, 2002

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to a communication from the examiner, dated August 26, 2002, wherein the examiner required restriction to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

Group I. claims 1-7 9, and 17 (directed to polynucleotides encoding a histidine kinase (LuxS) and fragments thereof, vectors, and host cells);

Group II. claim 8 (directed to coryneform bacteria with attenuated LuxS);

Group III. claims 10-16 and 18 (directed to processes for the production of amino acids); and

Group IV. Claim 19 (directed to hybridization methods).

The applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-7, 9, and 19) and state as follows.

The applicants submit that, at a minimum, the claims of Groups I and IV should be examined together in that the polynucleotides defined by the claims of Group I are used to practice the invention defined by the examiner-labeled Group IV. Therefore, the applicants submit that it would be proper for Groups I and IV to be examined together.

In the alternative, the applicants request that upon an indication of allowability of claims 1-7, 9 and 17, that the examiner rejoin the claims of Group IV pursuant to the procedure set forth in the Official Gazette on 26 March 1996 (see 1184 O.G., 86).

Respectfully submitted,

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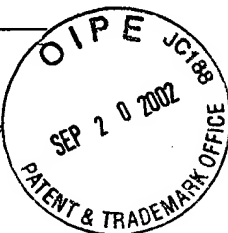
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REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: September 20, 2002 SEP 24 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and filed which is incorporated herein by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

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